

### Basket Willows

The government is right in the midst of the harvest of a most unique crop at its experimental farm near Arlington, just across the Potomac from Washington, where a corps of laborers in charge of trained foresters are preparing for the annual free distribution of 100,000 basket willow cuttings.

Uncle Sam is encouraging the growing of high grade willow rods in this country, and in the five years since the establishment of the holt at Arlington approximately a half million select cuttings have been distributed among farmers, with directions for planting and preparing for market. Particular attention is given to selecting the varieties and strains best suited to the soil where the plantings will be made.

Willowcraft is an industry which is constantly growing in importance in this country, yet the culture of basket willow in the United States made very little progress until five or six years ago. Even now, practically all of the best grades of basket willow are imported from Europe, chiefly from France. European manufacturers compete keenly for the best products in their countries, and until recently only the inferior rods were sent to America where they have been bought at three times the prices quoted for similar stock a few years ago. Experiments have shown that the best grades of willow can be grown in this country at a good profit, and farmers are turning their attention to its culture more and more each year.

This year's harvest began early in March. Four approved varieties are being sent out, and only the best and most thrifty are selected for distribution. The management of the holt and work of free distribution of cuttings is charged to the United States Forest Service. Cuttings for experimental planting and information on management of the willow holt are furnished those who make the request of the Forester at Washington.

The government recognizes the importance of good cuttings, a point more commonly overlooked than the matter of cultivation. Only the best and most thrifty rods are selected for each season's distribution. To produce a desirable grade of rods it is important to select planting stock not only from thoroughly tested varieties, but the cuttings should be taken from the tallest, perfectly straight, cylindrical, branchless and fully matured rods. High grade basket willows can be raised by being sure that the cuttings planted are from parent stock above the average.

### Big Slide.

The entire top of the mountain at New River Falls, two miles east of Sandstone, in Summers county, broke away Sunday afternoon and thundered down the slopes, much of the debris reaching the C. & O. tracks and the river. Thousands of tons of rocks were loosened, mountain oaks, centuries old, were uprooted, and on were hurled down the declivity at a fearful velocity.

The people of the vicinity heard the rumbling, and at first thought it was an earthquake. The ground trembled, and the noise resembled that of a seismic disturbance. Subsequent investigation however, revealed the cause. Haste was made to advise the C. & O. authorities of the slide, and the Hinton section crew was soon on hand to clear the debris from the tracks. There was practically no delay of trains. It is believed that the unusual amount of rain caused the loosening of the rock and earth, and is responsible for the mountain's toppling. The entire top, which was perhaps 500 feet above New river, fell off and slid down the sides.—News.

CONTRACT to Let, of Three Million Feet of Lumber, from Stamp to Car. Mill Furnished.

### Teachers Must Pass an Examination in Agriculture.

The recent legislature just adjourned passed a law of great interest to those who expect to apply for a teachers certificate this year. Each applicant for a teacher's certificate must now pass an examination on the subject of Agriculture. The law is supplemental to a law passed by a special session of the West Virginia Legislature about one year ago to the effect that Agriculture was to be taught in the public schools. Owing to the fact that no examination of the teachers was provided for by this law on the subject of Agriculture very little attention was being given to it and the subject was practically ignored. Teachers were not qualified to teach it and for this reason the matter was neglected. Prof. M. P. Shawkey, State Superintendent of Schools, is sending out a letter to the teachers of the state in which he says: "In response to your inquiry permit me to say that by an act of the recent session of legislature all applicants hereafter will be required to pass an examination on Elementary Agriculture. Applicants for the renewal of first grade certificates under the uniform system are required to pass on this branch. The applicants for renewal will take the examination in Agriculture along with the other applicants in the regular examination."

The subject of agriculture is of vital interest to the state, as our agricultural interests are exceedingly wide and varied, and the proper cultivation of our farms depends to great extent the prosperity of the state. It is to be hoped that the teaching of this subject will be helpful to the state's best interests and there is but little doubt that this subject will prove one of the most interesting and attractive that has ever been in our school curriculum. Teachers who feel the need of preparation in order to pass the uniform examination on this subject of Agriculture will find in Prof. A. W. Nolan's one hundred lessons in Elementary Agriculture, the most helpful and practical book that has yet been published on this subject. It is well adapted to the needs of teachers who wish to prepare themselves to teach this subject and is equally well adapted to the needs of the schools themselves. This book is easily mastered by the teachers and pupils and the lessons are so arranged as to be exceedingly interesting and attractive. Mr. Nolan is Professor of Horticulture and Forestry at the West Virginia University, Morgantown and was formerly superintendent of school at Lima, Indiana. The materials for his book was worked out in the school room and every lesson given in the book has been put to a practical test in actual school work. Teachers of this county who feel the need of such a book can secure copies of it at 65c. each postpaid from The Acme Publishing Company, Morgantown, who are the publishers of the book.

We have received from Dr. J. M. Yeager a copy of the memorial to his brother, Lewis Armstrong Yeager, who died December 10, 1906. Lewis Yeager was very popular with every one and had a host of friends here and at Morgantown where he practiced law. They, no doubt, will be glad to receive and cherish this last tribute to one whose life was so full of promise. The booklet was written and designed by J. Kenneth Mullin, and speaks well for the author's ability. At present Mr. Mullin is writing a magazine story with local color, the synopsis of which gives promise of something interesting about Marlinton and its people.

At the present time there are seventy-five prisoners in the county jail at Fayetteville, for crimes ranging from drunks to murders. It is said that the approaching term of criminal court will be the biggest ever held in the county.

### Conference Appointments.

Among the ministers well known here who have received appointments in other districts are the following:

- Baltimore—F. M. Richardson, Hamilton; J. D. Pope, Ingleside; J. C. Thresher, Easton.
- Washington District—W. H. Ballengee, Clarendon; C. Sydenstricker, Ocequan; W. T. Gover, Manassas; C. M. Sarver, St. Marys.
- Winchester District—G. W. Tyler, presiding elder; J. W. McNeil, Warren; D. F. Eutsler, Loudon.
- Rockingham District—G. W. Richardson, Bridgewater; Charles Lynch, Monterey; Thomas Cooper, Crabbottom.
- Roanoke District—L. L. Loyd, Grace; A. L. Barrett, Christiansburg.
- Moorefield District—H. L. Hout, Piedmont; G. H. Echols, Springfield; W. Lawson, Slansville.

Information has reached Grafton of the death and burial at Fredericksburg, Va., of Daniel Knight who had the distinction of drawing the first blood of the Civil War. His victim was Bailey Brown and the tragedy was enacted in the early days of the war, when Confederates were camped at Fetterman, now the First ward, Grafton, and Knight was on picket duty. Brown and another man approached the picket line and were challenged by Knight. They disregarded it and Knight fired, instantly killing Brown. Knight then left with the little band and joined a branch of the army at Beverly.

Henry Gassaway Davis, democratic candidate for vice president in 1904, will be presented with the honorary veteran's jewel of Odd Fellowship by Randolph Lodge No. 116, of Elkins, of which he is a member. Such an honor is conferred only on those whose membership extends over a continuous period of fifty years or more. Mr. Davis has been an Odd Fellow for sixty-four years. He was initiated at Ellicott City, Md., transferred to Westernport, Md., and later to the Randolph Lodge No. 116. The jewel is made of solid gold, studded with diamonds.

### Horton.

On last Saturday evening about two o'clock Charles Chandler was killed in the Condon Lane Boom & Lumber Company's mill at Horton by a 56 inch circular saw burst into. A piece struck the unfortunate man on the nose, going through and coming out at the back of his head. The saw made 1450 revolutions per minute and was called the pulp saw. It was used for cutting off the pulp sticks into four-foot lengths. Mr. Chandler was a native of Spring Creek, Rockingham County, Virginia, and had been in the employ of the Condon Lane Boom & Lumber Company for fourteen years, first as blacksmith until about five years ago he was put in as mill foreman. He was very popular with the company and with the entire mill force. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn him. He was buried at Horton the 81st.

Grant Lucas, the Superintendent, has been very ill with grippe but is able to be around again. The mill at Horton is running full time and about five quarters extra every week.

The excitement over the lynching has quieted down.

Scott White, the policeman who was shot, is expected home in a few days.

We are having most of our winter here now.

As was predicted, the validity of Governor Dawson's veto of the two good road bills has been taken to the supreme court of appeals upon the petition of Senator Howard Sutherland, for a writ of mandamus to compel Clerk C. L. Topping, keeper of the rolls, to deliver to him a certified copy of Senate Bills Nos. 143 and 144, creating a state road tax and creating the state road fund. The supreme court allowed Senator Sutherland an alternative writ Tuesday returnable April 1st.

### To The River Charles.

HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

River! that in silence windest  
Through the meadows, bright  
and free,  
Till at length thy rest thou findest  
In the bosom of the sea?

Four long years of mingled feeling  
Half in rest, and half in strife,  
I have seen thy waters stealing  
Onward, like the stream of life.

Thou hast taught me Silent River!  
Many a lesson, deep and long;  
Thou hast been a generous giver;  
I can give thee but a song.

Oft in sadness and in illness,  
I have watched thy current glide,  
Till the beauty of its stillness,  
Overflowed me, like a tide,

And in better hours and brighter,  
When I saw thy waters gleam,  
I have felt my heart beat lighter,  
And leap onward with thy stream.

Not for this alone I love thee,  
Nor because thy waves of blue  
From celestial seas above thee  
Take their own celestial hue.

Where yon shadowy woodlands  
hide thee,  
And thy waters disappear,  
Friends I love have dwelt beside thee,

And have made thy margin  
dear.  
More than this—thy name reminds me  
Of three friends, all true and tried;

And that name, like magic, binds  
me  
Closer, closer to thy side.

Friends my soul with joy remember?  
How like quivering flames they start,  
When I fan the living embers  
On the heart's one of my heart?

'Tis for this, thou Silent River!  
That my spirit, when to thee I turn,  
Thou hast been a generous giver,  
Taks idle song from me.

It is believed oil and gas exists on the old wiggins estate at Don, near Hinton. The tract contains 1,000 acres, and recently a business man of Hinton wrote one of his New York, asking for the price of the portion desired, but a prompt reply stated none of the land was for sale. It is thought the heirs are preparing to prospect the property. A test well twelve miles up the Greenbrier River near Rifles developed a small flow of oil, but the hole was quickly plugged up. It is thought rich deposits have been found.

—News

Ironville Sanatorium for Tuberculosis.

Ironville, Virginia.

This institution offers its services to physicians and others, free of charge, for the prompt microscopic examination of sputum and, by appointment, for physical examination of patients.

Boxes and directions for mailing sputum will be forward on receipt of 5c to cover cost.

The institution is eleemosynary. Rates for modern hygienic diet-treatment, with close individual attention, range from \$30 to \$45 monthly for all essentials, such as bed, board, laundry, medicine and medical service.

K. M. Farnouson, M. D., Resident Superintendent.

Marlinton Novelty Works.

Prepared to do all kinds of repairing. Old trunks finished over; old locks and hinges replaced with new ones. Old furniture cleaned and polished like new. We also build portable play houses for the children. Any size; a child can take them down and set them up. We make a specialty of Grape and flower arbors; any size. In fact, anything in the novelty line for the house and lawn. Call and see us. Shop in rear of Pocahontas Drug Store. F. S. ROBERTS & SON.

### HONOR ROLL

MARLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.

7th and 8th Grades—Miss Blanche Smith, Teacher.

- Margaret Cover Ora East
- Katherine Irvine Susie Gray
- Pauline Shoemaker Edna White
- Ruth White Anna Sheets
- Lura Moore Levi Gay
- Benjamin Willis Willie Ambrose
- Arden Killingsworth

Total 13; number enrolled 14.

5th and 6th Grades—Miss Virginia Shields, Teacher.

- Bessie Oriser Anna Gum
- Katie Hannah Helen Irvine
- Margie Moore Elsie McClintic
- Agnes Price Gladys Warwick
- Ethel Waugh George Curry
- Rod Curry Albert Curry
- Theron East Robert Gay
- Charles Richardson Zed Smith

Total 16; number enrolled 38.

3rd and 4th Grades—Miss Sallie W. Wilson, Teacher.

- Hobart Arbogast Sterling Camden
- Clyde East Clyde Faulkner
- Wallace Gerow Wilber Gum
- Carl Hickman John Knight
- Mary Frances Bratton
- Mabel Camper Pearl Carter
- Zoe Crummett Mary Eskridge
- Mary Faulkner Clara Hiner
- Trudie Johnson Dora Manpin
- Margaret Price Zelna Thompson
- Gertrude Willis

Total 20; number enrolled 42.

2nd and 3rd Grades—Miss Mamie Beckett, Teacher.

- Mayo Beard Marie Cunningham
- Dorothy Irvine Virginia McChary
- Annie Smith Ella Thompson
- Fazel Funk Ethel Ratiff
- Rose Bennett Harry Funk
- Clarence Baughman Kyle Beard
- Wallace Gabbert Claude Irvine
- Houston Kincaid Clarence Smith

Total 16; number enrolled 44.

Primary Grade—Miss Anna Wallace, Teacher.

- Eva Camden Nealy Hazlett
- Alice Louk Gertrude Overholt
- Hyson Thomas Zeurilda Modsker
- Ryod Beard Lynn Funk
- Marvin Hiner Harry Willis
- James Long John Ratiff

Total 12; number enrolled 55.

Total 77; total enrollment 223.

Hello, Mr. Farmer.

I feel sure you are going to plant or sow some kind of grain this coming spring and you will need a

GOOD FERTILIZER.

Come to my ware house, and examine my line of goods before you buy, or place your order. I know you will be pleased.

Respt,  
F. L. BEARD,  
Marlinton, W. Va.

Sunday School Workers.

The annual convention of West Virginia Sunday School Workers will meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 20-21-22, in the city of Elkins.

The convention speakers are among the ablest in the country, and Prof. E. O. Excel, the greatest convention song leader in the world will lead the singing.

Pastors and Sunday School Workers who desire to attend, apply for credentials entitling them to entertainment and a seat in the convention, to the undersigned.

A. D. WILLIAMS, Sec.,  
Marlinton, W. Va.

### TRUSTEE'S SALE. NOTICE.

By virtue of authority vested in me as Trustee, by a deed of trust executed by G. W. Spence and wife dated on the 23rd day of August, 1900, and of record in the office of the clerk of the county court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, in trust deed book No. 1 at page 208, to secure Henry S. Burr in the payment of a note for \$251.12, bearing even date with said deed of trust with interest from date, and granting two certain tracts or parcels of land on the east side of Greenbrier river, Little Levels district, Pocahontas county, West Virginia and the same tract or parcel of land on which the said G. W. Spence now resides, and default having been made in the payment of said note and the holder thereof having directed said trustee to advertise and sell, I will proceed to offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the court-house at Marlinton, Pocahontas county, West Virginia, on Saturday,

APRIL 24TH, 1909, at 1 o'clock p. m. all of said tracts or parcels of land. The said two tracts of land adjoin and form one tract and contain about 181 acres, and has good dwelling house and outbuildings. A great portion of said land is river bottom and good farm land and lies along the river for nearly a mile. It is about a mile from the Station Road. Terms of Sale: Cash enough to pay the costs and expenses of executing the trust and sale, and the residue in two equal installments due and payable in six and twelve months from date of sale, the purchaser executing his promissory notes with personal security to be approved by said trustee, bearing interest from date of sale, and title to be retained as ultimate security.

Given under my hand this the 24th day of March, 1909.

T. S. McNEEL, Trustee.

Notice of Trustee's Sale.

Pursuant to authority vested in me as trustee by Deed of Trust dated on the 22nd day of December 1908, executed by W. A. McCray and George P. McCray to me as trustee to secure Clark Sharp in the payment of \$40.00 and of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book No. 6, at page 66, and default having been made in the payment of one of the two notes given for said debt, and having been requested by the party secured, I will on Saturday, the 1st day of May, 1909 at 1 o'clock p. m. in front of the store house of Coyner Brothers at Cloverlick in said county, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, 2 black mares weighing about 1200 pounds each, named respectively Bet and Blanch. Terms of sale, cash.

JOHN H. DOYLE,  
Trustee.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred rose comb Minorca eggs for setting at \$1.50 per 15. Terms, cash with order. Call on or address,

Mrs. FLORENCE E. WOOD,  
Marlinton, W. Va.

Marlinton Light and Water Co.,  
L. M. McCLINTIC  
Receiver.

Notice to Contractors.

In the matter of the proposed change in the County Road leading from Dunmore to Sitlington, near Campbell Hill on said Road.

It is ordered that the Clerk of Court advertise for bids for the construction of a road on the location and in accordance with specifications below. Sealed bids to be received by said Clerk until April 20th, 1909.

Road to be built on location as stated by viewers Samuel Sheets, Wm. Geiger and B. F. McElwee; to be not less than 14 feet wide with 10 foot solid rock bed to be rounded up, with gradual slope from the center of road in proper shape with proper side ditches 15 inches below center of road (except where road is constructed through solid rock bed, it may be sloped to banks with proper water breaks), and box culverts where needed of 3-inch oak plank properly spiked top 6 inches below road bed. In excavating where it is loose earth there shall be a 45-degree slope; two stock ways to be constructed one on the land of B. F. McElwee and the other on the lands of H. M. Moore, to be 7 feet high and 10 feet wide in clear under the road; all work to be subject to the inspection and approval of the county court or their authorized agent.